

What is claimed is:

1. (original) A power tool with a power supply unit (32, 132, 232) that can be removed on the device side for supplying electrical power, with at least one indirectly actuatable switch (14, 114, 214) for switching a drive machine on and off,

wherein

a decoupling device (58, 158, 258) for decoupling the switch (14, 114, 214) and a switching means (26, 126, 226) that actuates the switch (14, 114, 214) at least indirectly are provided.

2. (original) The power tool as recited in Claim 1,

wherein

the decoupling device (58, 158, 258) is provided for forcibly turning off the switch (14, 114, 214) when the power supply unit (32, 132, 232) is removed and then the switch (26, 126, 226) is locked in an "on" position in which the switch (14, 114, 214) can be switched on during normal operation.

3. (currently amended) The power tool as recited in Claim 1 ~~or 2~~,

wherein

at least one blocking means (56, 156, 256) is provided for blocking attachment of the power supply unit (32, 132, 232) when the switching means (26, 126, 226) are in the "on" position and the switch (14, 114, 214) is turned off.

4. (currently amended) The power tool as recited in ~~one of the preceding Claims~~ Claim 1,

wherein

the decoupling device (58, 158, 258) includes a spring element (24, 124, 224).

5. (currently amended) The power tool as recited in ~~one of the preceding Claims~~ Claim 1,

wherein

an actuating device (20, 120, 220) is located between the switching means (26,

126, 226) and the switch (14, 114, 214), which includes at least a portion of the decoupling device (58, 158, 258).

6. (original) The power tool as recited in Claim 5, wherein the power supply unit (32, 132, 232) has a neck (34, 134, 234) that projects at an angle and is operatively connected with the actuating device (20, 120, 220).

7. (currently amended) The power tool as recited in Claim 5 ~~or 6~~, wherein the actuating device (20, 120, 220) includes the at least one blocking means (56, 156, 256).

8. (currently amended) The power tool as recited in ~~one of the Claims 5 through 7~~ Claim 5, wherein the actuating device (20, 220) has a multi-position flexible coupling (52, 252), the spring element (24, 224) being provided for rotating a first leg (30, 230) of the actuating device (20, 220) relative to a second leg (22, 222) that actuates the switch (14, 114, 214).

9. (currently amended) The power tool as recited in ~~one of the preceding Claims~~ Claim 1, wherein the neck (234) has a projection (236) that is operatively connected with the actuating device (20, 120, 220).

10. (currently amended) The power tool as recited in ~~one of the Claims 5 through 8~~ Claim 5, wherein the actuating device (120) has an indentation (144), the spring element (124) being provided to disengage the indentation (144) from a switch lever (118) of the switch (114).